

CHURCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Annual Report of the
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Health Department,

Council Offices,

CHURCH.

September, 1970.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Church Urban District Council .

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District of Church, for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

The vital statistics show some fluctuations which of course are to be expected when the absolute number being dealt with is relatively small.

The main facts during the year have been that the population has remained steady notwithstanding a slight fall in the number of houses in the district. The cumulative effect of many years work is that a very substantial number of houses were dealt with during the year under report but it is not to be expected that this rate will be maintained in every year since the present large figure arises from several years of energetic work by Mr. Palk. Redevelopment is still faced with the difficulty or uncertainty as to future road planning.

During the year complaints have been received from time to time about an offensive odour from a factory where fat melting is carried out and this matter has indeed been carefully considered by the Council and its Health Committee and it will be seen that the firm concerned has been left in no doubt about the need for improvement but the Council, of course, is aware of the many difficulties in this matter.

Finally, I can only repeat how much profit I have found in co-operation with Mr. Palk, and I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and the Committee, for your continued support and help throughout the year.

I am,

Yours obediently,

REGINALD C. WEBSTER.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

| | |
|--|----------|
| Area in Acres | 528 |
| Population (Census, 1961) | 5888 |
| Population estimated mid 1969 | 5870 |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1969 according to rate books) | 1950 |
| Rateable Value | £145,017 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate | £560 |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA

Present industries include cotton weaving, engineering, paper printing and electrical welding.

There have been no special noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor does there appear to be any conditions of occupation which have been prejudicial to health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The Registrar - General's estimate of the population for mid-year 1969 is 5,870 which is an increase of 60 on the previous year

The census of 1951 revealed a population of 5,199 whilst that of 1961 indicated the number of persons living within the district to be 5,888.

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Legitimate | 78 | 38 | 40 |
| Illegitimate | <u>9</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | <u>87</u> | <u>42</u> | <u>45</u> |
| <u>Still Births</u> | | | |
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

Total Registered Births

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Total Registered Births 1969 | 87 |
| Total Registered Births 1968 | 107 |

Live Birth Rate

| | |
|---|------|
| * For the year 1969 per 1,000 estimated population ... | 14.8 |
| For the year 1968 ... | 18.4 |
| For 5 year's average 1964 - 68 | 17.6 |
| * 1969 adjusted birth rate comparability factor 1.05 per 1,000 | 15.5 |
| England and Wales 1969 - 16.3 per 1,000. | |

Still Birth Rate

| | |
|---|----|
| Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 1969 | 22 |
| Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 1968 | 9 |

| <u>Total Registered Deaths</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1969 | 36 | 34 | 70 |
| 1968 | 39 | 36 | 75 |

Crude Death Rate

| | |
|--|------|
| For 1969 per 1,000 estimated population | 11.9 |
| For 1968 | 12.9 |
| Mean for 5 years 1964 - 1968 | 12.7 |
| Corrected death rate (comparability factor 1.20) | 14.3 |
| England and Wales 1969 | 11.9 |

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

| <u>1969'</u> | <u>Legitimate</u> | <u>Illegitimate</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Male | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Female | 1 | - | 1 |
| <u>1968</u> | | | |
| Male | - | - | - |
| Female | 1 | - | 1 |

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of Age

| | |
|--|----|
| All infants per 1,000 live births 1969 | 34 |
| All infants per 1,000 live births 1968 | 9 |

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

| <u>1969</u> | <u>Legitimate</u> | <u>Illegitimate</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Male | - | 1 | 1 |
| Female | 1 | - | 1 |
| <u>1968</u> | | | |
| Male | - | - | - |
| Female | - | - | - |

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| <u>1969</u> | | | |
| Male | - | 1 | 1 |
| Female | 1 | - | 1 |
| <u>1968</u> | | | |
| Male | - | - | - |
| Female | - | - | - |

| | |
|---|-----|
| Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 <u>live</u> births 1969 | 23 |
| " " " " " " " " 1968 | NIL |
| Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1969 | 23 |
| " " " " " " " " 1968 | NIL |
| Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 <u>total</u> births 1969 | 45 |
| " " " " " " " " 1968 | 9 |

Number of deaths by cause in sex and age groups 1969

| Cause of Death | SEX | Total All Ages | Under 4 weeks | 4 weeks and under 1 year | Age in years | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|----|----|
| | | | | | 1- | 5- | 15- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55- | 65- | 75 & over | | |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine | M | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus | F | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | M | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Meningitis | M | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Meningitis | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | M | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | F | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Other forms of Heart Disease | M | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Other forms of Heart Disease | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | M | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Other Disease of Circulatory System | M | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Other Disease of Circulatory System | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Influenza | M | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Influenza | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | M | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | F | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc. | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc. | F | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total All Causes | M | 36 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| Total All Causes | F | 34 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 14 |

PREVALENCE OF CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1969

The numerical and age incidence of infectious diseases is shown in the following table:-

| Notifiable Disease | Total cases at all ages | Total Cases Notified | | | | | | | | | | Total Deaths | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----|-----|-----|-------------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|-------------|--------------|---|
| | | Age Period - Years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 25 & over | Age unknown | | |
| Measles | 13 | - | - | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Dysentery | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Infective Jaundice | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| | | 0- | 5- | 15- | 45- | 65 and over | Unknown | | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis Respiratory | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | - |
| Meninges & C.M.S. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | - |
| Total | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | - |

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS) 1952

Tuberculosis

Cases of tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board. The Tuberculosis scheme is administered by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and the Public Health Department is notified of housing conditions and environment generally. Necessary disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.

TABLE II

| Total Cases | No. of Persons on Register 31st December, 1969 | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|----|---------------|----|----|-----------------------------|---------|
| | Pulmonary | | Non Pulmonary | | | Pulmonary and Non Pulmonary | |
| | M. | F. | Total | M. | F. | Total | |
| 18 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 2 | - | 2 | 12 6 18 |

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of or mortality from tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

No action has been necessary under the above regulations, which concern workpeople, suffering from tuberculosis, in the milk trade.

Public Health Act, 1936 Section 172

Removal to hospital of infectious persons suffering from tuberculosis of the respiratory tract.

No action was necessary.

Disinfection after Infectious Disease

Rooms of houses were disinfected during the year by means of spraying with a disinfectant.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of attention.

No action was necessary.

The following sections of the Report, viz:-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
including PUBLIC CLEANSING, HOUSING
and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF
FOOD

have been prepared

by

MR. J.L. PALK, Public Health Inspector

(Cert. S.I.Bd., Cert. R.S.I. Meat and
other Foods,

Cert. R.S.I. Smoke Inspector)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The water is obtained from moorland catchment area and deep wells, and supplied by the Calder Water Board, Burnley.

Water is supplied from the public mains direct to all houses and the supply is considered generally satisfactory in respect of both quality and quantity throughout the area.

Closet Accommodation

| | |
|---|----------|
| No. of movable ashbins and paper sacks | 2143 |
| No. of pail closets | 1 |
| No. of fresh water closets | 2388 |
| No. of waste water closets | 537 |
| No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation | 30 |
| No. of houses not on water carriage system | <u>1</u> |

Closet Conversions

| | | | |
|--|-------------|----------|-----------|
| No. of waste waterclosets to fresh water | PHA 1936 | 11 | |
| | H.A.1949-54 | <u>5</u> | <u>16</u> |

The cost of this unsavoury work is rising and the Council's contribution to the conversion has been increased to £15.

Waste Water Closets and Drains

139 complaints of choked waste water closets and drains have been attended to by Local Authority workmen, Although 124 were cleansed 15 were referred to the owners for cleansing and repair. 16 waste water closets were abolished during the year.

Unfortunately although the number of waste water closets is reduced by (a) demolition of unfit houses, and (b) conversion by owners, progress is very slow. Too many people accept this obsolete insanitary appliance as part of the normal standard of living.

The number was reduced by 61 during the year and at that rate of progress the 1980's may be reached before the last one is abolished.

Sewerage Disposal.

The sewerage disposal works are situated at Coppy Clough, Church, and the effluent from Accrington M.B. and Church U.D., after treatment by the Accrington & Church Outfall Sewerage Board, is discharged into the River Hyndburn.

Additional means of disposal has been commenced by spraying sludge on to farmland adjoining the works.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no baths or pools within the district.

Schools

There are four schools within the district - all denominational, three of which are more than 50 years old. The standards of these premises cannot be said to be equal to those of the present day. In one school the sanitary accommodation for the boys requires improving.

AIR POLLUTION

In this small urban district the procedure set out in four Acts of Parliament is followed to ensure that the inhabitants are able to enjoy clean air as follows:-

- a) Clear Air Acts 1956,1968 - to control industrial and domestic smoke
- b) Public Health Act 1936 - to control the emission of offensive odours from industrial plant
- c) Alkali, etc. Works Regulation Act, 1906 as extended by Alkali etc. Works Orders 1928-1963 -- to maintain contact with H.M. Alkali etc. Works Inspector in regard to certain industrial works.

1 (A) Clean Air Act, 1956 Industrial Smoke

Observations of factory chimneys were carried out. Generally a satisfactory standard prevails.

11 No. 5 Smoke Control Area

The Order, which became operative on 1st September, 1969, affected 305 houses. Grants were claimed in respect of 86% of the houses.

111 Details of Smoke Control Areas

- a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year 0
- b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year 0
- c) Total number of orders in force at end of year 5
- d).No. of houses and other buildings involved in
 - (a) 0
 - (b) 0
 - (c) 1408

IV Solid Smokeless Fuels

During the winter period of 1969/70 the supply of solid smokeless fuel caused some concern.

The households, who were relying upon open fire fuels such as coalite, rexco, phimax were most badly affected especially as many merchants would not supply gas coke.

(B) Public Health Act 1936

During the summer months at certain times an offensive odour is emitted from a factory where the trade of fat melting is carried on.

The owner was advised to obtain the services of an Industrial Consultant who proposed certain improvements, which should be put in to operation before the advent of summer.

(C) Alkali etc. Works Regulations Act, 1906, as extended by Alkali etc. Works Orders 1928 - 1963

Although factories coming within the scope of this legislation are not situated within the district, the condition of the atmosphere is affected detrimentally by manufacturers situated outside the district. The energies of the other local authorities and the H.M. Alkali etc. Inspector are directed to obtain improvements.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

- (i) Number of complaints investigated 2
- (ii) Details of formal action taken 0

Road Breakers

The noise nuisance from air compressors and drills during the process of opening up roads is difficult to abate. Legislation prohibiting the use of these unsilenced appliances after a certain date as enacted in Clean Air Legislation would in my opinion bring about a definite improvement.

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences which is provided for males and females, is situate on Blackburn Road near to the busy crossroads and traffic lights.

In view of the age of the building, some sixty years, the disrepair of the fittings, the vandalism, it was decided to discontinue the use of the building.

After a period of six months had elapsed, the Committee decided to receive an estimate of cost for re-opening the conveniences.

Refuse Removal

A complete weekly service providing 52 collections was attained for the seventh year in succession. However, there is immense difficulty in retaining labour for this dirty, arduous work which has to be performed in all weathers.

Provision of Dustbins

The maintenance of dustbins in this district is a Local Authority responsibility, and this factor will be exceedingly useful in the event of any change in the type of refuse receptacle.

Refuse Disposal

Domestic refuse and certain other refuse is disposed of at the tip at Far Holmes in accordance with the best available method. This form of sanitary disposal of refuse is dependant upon a plentiful supply of suitable cover such as furnace ashes and dust.

Additional ash, etc. has been obtained for covering material by using a portion of the old tip.

The present land, which is used for tipping, previously belonged to Oswaldtwistle U.D.C. Their sewage beds are provided with ash, clay and soil which can be used for cover, but the maintenance of good roads in wet weather causes some difficulty, and damage to vehicles.

The stream, Tinker Brook, adjoins the tip and regular cleansing and dredging is necessary to confine the stream to its bank.

Salvage

The separation of salvable material from household and factory refuse has continued throughout the year.

The following is a summary of materials collected and sold:-

| | T. | C. | Q. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| Waste paper | 124 | 10 | 0 | 1120 | 8 | 2 |
| Textiles | 13 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 0 | 1 |
| Ferrous Metal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | 129 | 11 | 2 | 1187 | 8 | 3 |

The amount of salvage sold continues to play an important part in refuse collection and disposal accounts. The tonnage and value obtained is slightly more than that of the previous year.

Cost Statement

Year ended 31st March, 1969/70

S U M M A R Y

| Item | Particulars | Collection | Disposal | Total |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| | Revenue Account - Gross Expenditure | £ | £ | £ |
| 1. | 1. Labour | 3067 | 843 | 3910 |
| | 2. Transport | 2055 | 60 | 2115 |
| | 3. Plant, Equipment, Land & Building | 250 | 2444 | 2694 |
| | 4. Other items | — | — | — |
| | 5. Total Expenditure | 5372 | 3347 | 8719 |
| 2. | Income | — | 2397 | 2397 |
| 3. | Nett Cost | 5372 | 950 | 6322 |
| | Unit Costs | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 4. | Gross cost per ton. labour only | 36. 08. | 93 92. | 46. 0. |
| 5. | Gross cost per ton. Labour only | 24. 17. | . 71. | 24. 88. |
| 6. | Nett cost all expenditure per ton | 63. 20. | 11. 17. | 74. 37. |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| 7. | Nett cost per 1,000 population | 915 | 162 | 1077 |
| 8. | Nett cost per 1,000 premises | 2507 | 445 | 2950 |

| | | |
|-----|--|--------|
| 9. | Area in acres | 528 |
| 10. | Population 30.6.69. | 5870 |
| 11. | Estimated total refuse collected (tons) | 1700 |
| 12. | Estimated weight per 1,000 population (cwts) per day (365 to year) | 15.9 |
| 13. | No. of premises from which refuse is collected | 2143 |
| 14. | Average haul by collection vehicle to disposal point (miles) | .5 |
| 15. | No. of emptyings during year | 52 |
| 16. | Average weekly cost of emptying one bin | 11.56d |
| 17. | Average weekly cost of disposal of contents of one bin | 1.15d |

FACTORIES

The number of factories on the register in accordance with the provisions of the Factory Act, 1961, is 33 Power.

Power Factories.

26 inspections were carried out in respect of sanitary accommodation.

Outwork.

The number of persons employed as outworkers in accordance with Section 133 was 1.

SANITARY INSPECTION 1969

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of premises visited | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2562 |
| Defects or nuisances discovered | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 656 |
| Defects or nuisances abated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 609 |
| Number of Notices served - (a) Informal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 451 |
| (b) Statutory | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Legal proceedings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Inspection of District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
| Houses - Complaints and re-visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 520 |
| Interviews - Owners and property repairers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 220 |
| Choked waste water closets and drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 154 |
| New drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Conversion of waste water closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Dust Bins | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 |
| Refuse removal and disposal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 250 |
| Salvage | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 |
| Street Cleansing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120 |
| Public Conveniences | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <u>5</u> |
| Carried Forward | | | | | | | 1546 |

CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS (Continued)

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------|
| | Brought Forward | 1546 |
| Factories | | 27 |
| Food and Drugs Act - Food preparin _g and retail premises, viz:- | | |
| Meat pies and sausage; bakehouse; cafe kitchens and canteens; grocers; confectioners; butchers; fried fish and licensed premises | | 68 |
| Offices and Shops | | 12 |
| Atmospheric pollution:- | | |
| investigations and interviews | | 20 |
| observations - industrial | | 25 |
| observations - domestic | | 20 |
| smoke control areas-inspections and interviews ... | | 420 |
| Offensive trade | | 25 |
| Infectious diseases and food poisoning | | 3 |
| Dirty and/or verminous premises | | 0 |
| Rodent control | | 12 |
| Council houses - Tenancies, inspection and interviews (estimated) | | 200 |
| Sundry inspections | | 90 |
| Rodent control - Operator's visits | | 88 |
| Petroleum Acts | | 6 |

2562

IMPROVEMENT EFFECTED

Dwelling Houses:-

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Roofs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Gutters | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Downspouting | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Windows - sash cords | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Windows - repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ceiling plaster | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Wall plaster | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 |
| Doors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Internal walls waterproofed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| External walls | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Chimney stacks and flues | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Waste water closets and drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 142 |
| Water closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Dust bins | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 117 |
| Dust bin lids | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Cleansed and/or vermin destroyed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Sinks and waste pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Water supply, insufficient & leaking pipes, etc. | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defects found - houses closed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 114 |
| Food premises - wash basins and sinks, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Offices and Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Rats and Mice - treatment | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 |
| Factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Clean Air Act - industrial | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Clean Air Act - smoke control | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 109 |
| Refuse deposits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |

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RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The rodent control scheme has continued throughout the year with much success.

Treatment has been carried out using the methods as recommended by the Directorate of Infestation Control.

During the year free treatment to dwelling houses was given by the Local Authority.

Fifty-eight treatments against rodents were carried out as follows. The number is an increase over that of the previous year.

| | Type of Property | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| | Non-Agricultural | Agricultural |
| (A) No. of properties in district | 2595 | 4 |
| (B) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 58 | - |
| (C) No. of (b) infested by- | | |
| rats | 30 | |
| mice | 28 | |
| (D) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification | 0 | |
| (E) No. of (d) infested by- | | |
| rats | 0 | |
| mice | 0 | |

Two treatments of the sewers have been carried out, which in my opinion, play a large part in reducing the rat population of the district; and defective drains, which were permitting egress of rats, have been remedied.

HOUSING

(a) HOUSING STATISTICS

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Number of new houses erected during the year:- | | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Flats</u> |
| (i) By the local authority | | - | - |
| (ii) By other local authorities | | - | - |
| (iii) By other bodies or persons | | - | - |
| 2. Total No. of dwellings owned by any local authority existin, in district at end of year | | | 447 |
| 3. <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year:-</u> | | | |
| (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | | | 200 |
| (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose | | | 300 |
| (c) No. of dwelling houses in (a) above, found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit | | | 40 |
| (ii) Total No. of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:- | | | |
| a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time) | | | 51 |
| b) Demolition or closing orders have not yet been made. | | | 33 |
| 4. <u>Houses Demolished</u> | | | |
| <u>In Clearance Areas</u> | <u>Houses Demolished</u> | <u>Displaced during Year</u> | <u>Persons</u> <u>Families</u> |
| (i) Houses unfit for human habitation | 84 | 33 | 14 |
| (ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. | - | - | - |
| (iii) Houses on land acquired under Sec.43 (2) Housing Act,1957 | 1 | - | - |
| <u>Not in Clearance Areas</u> | | | |
| (iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17 (1) Housing, Act,1957 | 8 | 12 | 3 |
| (v) L.A.owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H. | - | - | - |
| (vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts | - | - | - |
| (vii) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders | - | - | - |

| 5. <u>Unfit Houses Closed</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Displaced during Year</u> | |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
| (i) under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 | 17 | 19 | 5 |
| (ii) under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 | - | - | - |
| (iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957 | - | - | - |

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) By owner after informal action by local authority | 6 |
| (ii) After formal action under Sec.9 and Sec.16 of the Housing Act, 1957 | |
| (a) owner | 0 |
| (b) by local authority | 0 |
| (iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts | 0 |
| (iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under Sec. 21 of the Housing Act, 1961 | 0 |
| (v) After determination of a demolition order under Sec.24 of the Housing Act, 1957 | 0 |
| (vi) After determination of a closing order under Sec.27 of the Housing Act, 1961 | 0 |

7. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

No action necessary

| | <u>No. of Houses</u> | <u>No. of occupants of houses in Column(1)</u> |
|---|----------------------|--|
| 8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:- | (1) | (2) |
| Houses in proposed Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year. | 35 | 75 |

9. Housing Act, 1949, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Improvement Grants, etc.

| Action during year:- | <u>No. of dwellinghouses or other buildings affected in schemes of:</u> | |
|---|---|------------------------|
| | <u>Private bodies or Individuals</u> | <u>Local Authority</u> |
| (i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority | - | - |
| (ii) Approved by Local Authority | - | - |
| (iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry | - | - |
| (iv) Finally approved by Ministry | - | - |
| (v) Work completed | 1 | - |
| (vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above | - | - |
| (vii) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars) | - | - |

10. House Purchase & Housing Acts, 1959, Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants

- (i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvements to
 - (a) full standard 16
 - (b) reduced standard -
- (ii) Total applications approved by local authority to
 - (a) full standard 16
 - (b) reduced standard -
- (iii) Work completed 11
- (iv) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings -

11. Housing Conditions

- (i) Approximate number of back to back houses 10
- (ii) Approximate number of back to earth houses -
- (iii) Approximate number of other houses without through ventilation 5

12. Moveable dwellings and caravan sites -

13. Fitness of Houses

- (i) No. of houses which have not a satisfactory internal water supply
- (ii) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation 30

Not known -
believed to be
a few hundred.

Chapel Ward

Approximately 80 houses were demolished in Sadler Street, Parsonage Street district and Chapel Street and Walmsley Street district.

In addition to the general decay of the area illustrated by more than fifty empty unfit houses many of which have been subject to Vandalism the question of the possible re-routing of the trunk road A679 and its junctions has left a blight on the area. The Ministry of Transport have had to take over from owner occupiers certain houses and house and shop property some of which have been purchased by the Local Authority and some have been boarded up.

b) St. James Ward

Demolition of the block of 8 unfit houses has not taken place. Houses nearby are becoming empty and subject to vandalism and will be included in a Clearance Area.

1 - 17 St. James Road

These terraced houses were represented during the year.

C. Elmfield Ward

The 13 houses in the Mill Street Clearance Area were demolished.

D. Individual Unfit Houses

The policy of paying compensation in advance of Compulsory Purchase continues, and plays an important part of our work.

E. The provision of houses

Unfortunately the programme of building is such that no accommodation was received during the year and with little likelihood of many before the Winter of 1970/71.

The clearance of houses and that of derelict property will be held up if accommodation is not found immediately.

The purchase of an increased number of houses with modern facilities or those without, in order that they may be installed, may be the solution of the problem as also they are let at a rental more in keeping with the demand.

During the past year 25 tenancies, which is approximately 50% of the houses and 1 bedroom accommodation were allocated to persons from Clearance Areas.

F. Modernisation of Houses

The number of Applications for standard grant amenities-bathroom grants - received is small.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

Housing:

- (1) The demolition of many unfit houses.
- (2) The improvement of houses without 5 standard amenities, with a life of 15 years.
- (3) The conversion of waste water closets.
- (4) The achievement of a cleaner atmosphere.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

a) The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

These regulations are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

b) Raw Milk. No action necessary.

2. Meat and other Foods

a) There are no Slaughter Houses within the district.

68 inspections were carried out at food shops and vehicles, and I am pleased to report that on occasions where it has been necessary to draw the attention of the occupiers to contraventions, improvements were effected.

b) Number of Food Premises, indicating type of business in the district at the end of the year:-

| | |
|--|-----------|
| General grocers and provisions dealers | 23 |
| Greengrocers & Fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.) | 4 |
| Fishmongers (including those selling poultry game, etc.) | - |
| Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.) | 4 |
| Bakers and/or confectioners | 5 |
| Fried fish shops | 6 |
| Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc. | 6 |
| Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments | 19 |
| Others | 5 |
| | <u>72</u> |
| | <u>==</u> |

2. Meat and Other Foods cont'd.

- c) No special examinations of food stocks or consignments were required during the year.
- d) A small quantity of condemned food was buried at the Local Authority's controlled refuse tip.
- e) Food poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were reported.

3. Adulteration of Foods

This Local Authority is not a Food and Drugs Authority, and the work of carrying into execution and enforcing the section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

- a) which relates to the composition of food and drugs.
- b) which relates to additions not to be made to milk and liquids to be sold as milk;

and together with certain Orders and Regulations, with a view to securing that food and drugs are sold only in a pure and genuine condition, is performed by the County Council.

4. Number of Food Premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

| | |
|--|---|
| Sale of Ice Cream | 8 |
| Manufacture of Sausages and Potted Meat and Meat Pies | 4 |

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health:-

| Premises (1) | No. on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Inspect tions (3) | Written notice (4) | Occupier prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Section 1 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | - | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authorities | 33 | 26 | - | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises) | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 34 | 27 | - | - |

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:-

| Particulars (1) | No. of cases in which defects were found | | | | No of cases in which presecutions were instituted (6) |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | |
| Want of Cleanliness (SI) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to OutWork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 1 | - | - | - | - |

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

| Section 133 | | | | | Section 134 | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Nature of Work (1) | No. of outworkers in Aug. list reqd. by Sec. 133 (1) (c) (2) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3) | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4) | No. of instances of work in unwhole some premises (5) | Notices Served (6) | Prosecutions (7) |
| Xmas Novelties Paper hats 1 | | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This legislation which came into force on the 1st August, 1964, is designed to improve the safety, health and welfare facilities of the above mentioned premises.

The number of premises on the register is as follows:-

| | |
|--|----|
| Offices | 6 |
| Retail Shops | 13 |
| Wholesale Shops | 3 |
| Catering establishments open to the public | 4 |
| Fuel storage depot | 1 |

Some of the premises are visited in the course of inspection carried out under the requirement of other legislation.

Accidents to personnel involving absence of work for more than three days must be notified. No reports have been received.

